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Although the health of Americans may be endangered by radiation, the U.S. is not publicly forcing the issue raised by Soviet use of microwave jamming and listening devices against the American Embassy in Moscow. The reason: The Embassy is headquarters for eavesdropping on the Kremlin—and the Russians know all about it.

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A close friend explains why new CIA Director George Bush is giving so many interviews: "He's a public guy, and not going underground. He may feel that's what the CIA needs—someone out front doing a selling job."

Newsmen in several capitals have been approached recently by friendly Western intelligence agents with offers to identify known Soviet KGB agents in European cities.

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Intelligence gathering has fallen to such low esteem on Capitol Hill that some Congressmen aren't telling the FBI about approaches for information by Communist diplomats. The very type of data sought—even if not provided—is considered a clue in predicting Communist behavior.

U.S. intelligence analysts make this assessment of Cuban troops' performance in Angola: They were effective against an untrained, poorly armed rabble, but would not stand up against the well-trained armies of Latin America, the Mideast and Asia.